

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the development and strengthening of nuclear weapons programmes by our neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such development will be in consonance with peace keeping measures in this region;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to counter such developments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) Government has seen reports about the nuclear weapons programmes in our neighbouring countries. Government continuously monitors all developments having a bearing on India's national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard it.